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Written Testimony of Sharon Moriwaki
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IN SUPPORT OF BILL 10 (2015) – Car Sharing

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Chair Kobayashi, Vice Chair Manahan, and Members of the Committee,

I am Sharon Moriwaki, co-chair of the Hawaii Energy Policy Forum (Forum). The Forum, created in 2002, is comprised of over 40 representatives from Hawaii's electric utilities, oil and natural gas suppliers, environmental and community groups, renewable energy industry, and federal, state and local government, including representatives from the neighbor islands. Our vision and mission, and comprehensive "10 Point Action Plan" serves as a guide to move Hawaii toward its preferred energy goals and our support for this bill.

Bill 10 proposes to establish a 36-month pilot carsharing program. It authorizes the Department of Transportation Services (DTS) to dedicate a limited number of municipally-controlled off-street parking stalls to carsharing organizations for an annual fee. This will enable DTS to assess the usefulness and cost-effectiveness of carsharing as an alternative mode of transportation.

Carsharing is a short-term rental service that can substitute for private vehicle ownership thereby giving consumers an affordable alternative to owning a personal vehicle. In jurisdictions where car sharing is widely used, customers have indicated their use of personal vehicles has been reduced by 40 to 60 percent¹. Additionally, carsharing users typically make the majority of their trips by alternative modes (walking, biking, and/or public transit) thereby reducing traffic congestion, road and parking facility costs, and fossil fuel consumption.

Based on the foregoing, the Forum supports this measure as another option for reducing fossil fuel use in Honolulu's transportation sector.

The Forum therefore respectfully urges passage of Bill 10.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

This testimony reflects the position of the Forum as a whole and not necessarily of the individual Forum members or their organizations.

¹ Litman, T. (2000). Evaluating carsharing benefits. *Transportation Research Record: Journal of the Transportation Research Board*, 1702(1), 31-35.